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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Staff Sergeant Ari Richard Cullers of Waterford, Connecticut, who passed away on October 30, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, SSG Ari Cullers was born in New London, Connecticut; he joined the Army soon after graduating from Waterford High School in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, SSG Ari Cullers was a member of the Army's Headquarters Company, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Third Brigade Combat Team of the Army's 10th Mountain Division, based out of Fort Drum, New York; and

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WHEREAS, SSG Ari Cullers earned numerous awards for his meritorious service, including the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver W Bar, the Combat and

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1 Special Skill Badge, the Basic Marksmanship Qualification
2 Badge, the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), and the
3 Overseas Service Bar; and

4 WHEREAS, SSG Ari Cullers was preceded in death by his
5 grandfather, Benjamin David Cullers Sr.; his grandmother,
6 Madeline Epperson; and his cousin, Jeremy Ferrell; and

7 WHEREAS, SSG Ari Cullers is survived by his father,
8 Benjamin David Cullers Jr., and his wife, Stachia Cullers; his
9 mother, Robin E. Cornele; his brother, Jacob Cullers; his
10 grandmother, Kay Cullers; his uncles and aunts, Gene and Ruth
11 Teal, Bruce and Jana Cullers, Janice Reyes, Daniel Coleman,
12 Kimball Poletti, Shawn Cornele, Jeffery Epperson, Carol
13 Coleman, Pamela Coleman, Kathy Coleman, and Patricia Burt; and
14 his many cousins and their families; and

15 WHEREAS, SSG Ari Cullers' patriotism and courage will be
16 remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow soldiers,
17 and the citizens of our grateful nation; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
21 Staff Sergeant Ari Richard Cullers; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of SSG Ari Cullers as an expression of
3 our sympathy.